

KMS: atomic modeset/pageflip

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What is it?

- Atomic pageflip
 - Updating CRTC fb and/or one or more plane fb's atomically (in a single vblank)
 - Also possibly adjusting properties: z-order, alpha blending modes, rotation, colorspace-conversion coefficients, etc
 - 'test' flag to allow userspace to check a proposed configuration first
- Atomic modeset
 - Configuring one or more CRTCs
 - 'test' flag to allow checking if the proposed combination of timings/resolutions are supported by the hw

Why do we need it?

- Atomic pageflip
 - Compositors using overlay planes to bypass GPU for compositing surfaces
 - Need to keep bypassed surface state (size, position, fb) in sync w/ GPU composition output on CRTC layer
 - Need to know when they'll hit hw limits about overlay plane sizes/scaling/etc
 - Some limits may be with combinations of multiple enabled planes
 - So not easy to express limits statically to userspace
- Atomic modeset
 - Userspace needs to know valid combinations of settings for multi-display
 - Memory bandwidth limits, etc, may mean that certain resolutions are possible with single display but not multiple displays

Property-ification..

- The proposed solution configures *everything* via properties
- We need to support taking a list of properties anyways
- Doing everything via properties means:
 - common code-paths
 - Future extensibility
- But then how does error checking work?
 - I.e. valid fb dimensions, position, etc
 - Short version: it is still there, but moves from the ioctl handler fxn
 - Long version: on next slides

Splitting mode object mutable state

- What is in 'struct drm_{crtc,plane,etc}' is combination of:
 - Mode state set from userspace: fb, {src,crtc}_{x,y,w,h}, etc
 - Other: possible_crtcs, list head, funcs, etc
- For 'test' steps, we need to build up proposed state, and rollback
 - Split into 'struct drm_{crtc,plane,etc}_state' simplifies things
 - Just a single pointer to update to commit changes
 - We could probably simplify crtc helpers change rollback this way
 - Split out of state structs also lets us use helpers to:
 - Avoid a lot of property nonsense in each driver for common properties
 - Re-introduce the standard error checking lost from ioctl handler

```
int drm_plane_check_state(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state);
void drm_plane_commit_state(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state);
int drm_plane_set_property(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state,
                           struct drm_property *property, uint64_t value);
```

- (And same for CRTC and eventually connector)

Splitting mode object mutable state (cont)

- Also, property values array moved into state structs
 - Automatically keeps userspace visible property values in sync
 - Don't get property values confused by 'test' step or failed config changes

```
struct drm_plane_state {
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct drm_framebuffer *fb;

    /* Signed dest location allows it to be partially off screen */
    int32_t crtc_x, crtc_y;
    uint32_t crtc_w, crtc_h;

    /* Source values are 16.16 fixed point */
    uint32_t src_x, src_y;
    uint32_t src_h, src_w;

    struct drm_object_property_values propvals;
};
```

- Drivers should wrap state structs w/ their own to add driver specifics:

```
struct omap_plane_state {
    struct drm_plane_state base;
    uint8_t rotation;
    uint8_t zorder;
};
```

Atomic funcs

- `atomic_begin(dev)` - allocate state token
- `atomic_check(dev, state)` – check proposed state
 - Use `drm_*_check_state()` for common stuff
- `atomic_commit(dev, state)` – commit proposed state
 - Do driver specific stuff, then `drm_*_commit_state()`
- `atomic_end(dev, state)` – cleanup/deallocate
- Example:

```
state = dev->driver->atomic_begin(dev);

if (page_flip->flags & DRM_MODE_PAGE_FLIP_EVENT)
    e = create_vblank_event(dev, file_priv, page_flip->user_data);

for (i = 0; i < page_flip->count_props; i++)
    drm_mode_set_obj_prop_id(dev, state,
                             prop.obj_id, prop.obj_type,
                             prop.prop_id, prop.value);

ret = dev->driver->atomic_check(dev, state);

if (!(page_flip->flags & DRM_MODE_TEST_ONLY))
    ret = dev->driver->atomic_commit(dev, state, e);

dev->driver->atomic_end(dev, state);
```

Other misc changes

- Object property type
 - `DRM_MODE_PROP_OBJECT`
 - To set crtc, fb, etc as a property
- Dynamic property flag
 - `DRM_MODE_PROP_DYNAMIC`
 - Hint to userspace about properties which can be safely changed without 'test' step
- Signed property ranges
 - `DRM_MODE_PROP_SIGNED`
 - Uses signed integer comparison to check for valid property values

TODO

- Don't remove plane->update_plane(), crtc->page_flip() yet
 - These are no longer needed for 'property-ified' drivers
 - But probably better to have a transition period, than port all drivers at once
- Still tweaking ioctl struct

Questions?